

Mandalorian quotes.

SUBJECT: Honor/Strength

“We live in a society too focused on physical strength, on sculpted muscles and athletic skill. Those are helpful, yes. A necessity to any warrior. But the true secret of power isn't strength but *resilience*. How much a warrior can take before falling. For you can shoot as many rounds as you want and still drop when you take a single one. But the ability to *take* rounds as well as send them is what separates the cannon fodder from true warriors.” – Alic Dzadz, celebrated Mandalorian strategist.

“The greatest warriors are the product of their defeats as much as their victories. Like the strongest of iron, their imperfections are hammered, their weaknesses pierced and battered, until they are forged into an indestructible force capable of standing against the greatest of misfortunes.” -- Mand'alor Fenn Shysa

“Even the weakest person can stand up to tyranny. The bad guys only win when they fool others into believing that the privileged few somehow hold more power than the wrathful many.” -Rav Bralor

“You are only as strong as the warrior standing next to you.” - Mandalorian proverb

“Foreigners aren't without honor. Take a look at any outsider who struggles against oppression or injustice and you will see someone with the body of an *aruettii*, but the soul of a *Mando'ad*.” - Jango Fett, on his decision to incorporate non-Mandalorian drill sergeants into the *Cuy'val Dar*

“There are two kinds of strength in this universe: strength of the Body – which anyone can claim with proper motivation and training – and a much more elusive kind of strength. That, *ner vod*, is strength of the Will. Of the two, strength of the Will is far more important, for Will shall carry you far even when your Body has long since failed you.” - Djerik Vhett, Mandalorian political advisor (of no relation to the Fett family)

“Honor is what separates us from all the *aruetiise* of the galaxy. It's our honor that binds us to one another as brothers and sisters, honor that keeps us true and calm in battle. It is honor alone that has led us to victory a thousand times, and it is honor that will lead us to victory a thousand times again. Our honor is what defines us, what guides us, what molds our lives into something beautiful and worthy of showing the galaxy. And those without honor are *dar'manda*, lost souls, unworthy of living but too pathetic to die.” - Gali Messada, *Mandalore the Poet*, known for his exceptional oratory skills

“*Tion ke'gyce ner kad al'ijaat?* What guides my sword if not honor?” - ancient Mandalorian saying

“A champion with no honor is a champion of *aruetiise*.” - common Mandalorian saying (usually used to insult arrogance)

“In the old days, Mandalorians who lied were punished by execution. When someone's honor was called into question, all the Mandalorian community gathered in a kind of communal

judiciary court. Someone challenges your honor today? You just shoot the fucker in the face.”
“In retrospect, I think we’ve actually lost ground there.”
- Sergeant Walon Vau and Sergeant Kal Skirata, teaching clone troopers about their Mandalorian heritage

SUBJECT: Death

“We are born to die. We live to be remembered.” – Mandalorian proverb

“Life is a gift that everyone cherishes, but has to return.” — Mandalorian proverb

“To believe your life is better than someone else is the highest form of arrogance. Because at the end of the day, no matter how much power or wealth someone commands, all must bow before the true master of the universe: death.” – Mij Gilamar

“When all else falls, it is our actions and our actions alone that will live on through the centuries. We Mandalorians strive above all else to be remembered. And to be remembered with love... it is a rewarding end to a life.” – Danis Fett, on his deathbed.

“Death is inevitable. Those who fool themselves into believing otherwise are only causing more pain in the future. The true purpose of life is to live in such a way that people will remember you long after you yourself have returned to dust.” – Mandalore the Ultimate

“Don't buy all this *osik* that Mandalorians don't fear death. We fear death as much as any *aruetiise*. The difference is that we accept that death is the natural state of things. We start out as nothing, become something, and eventually return to nothing. What makes us eternal is the flame of memory burning within the minds of those we leave behind.” - Anonymous

“Mandalorians were the first races chosen to be punished by the Lord Death. For if we were allowed to live as immortals, we'd sweep over the galaxy and give too many souls for even *he* to devour!” – excerpt from Mandalorian legend.

“Death is similar to us Mandalorians in that it makes no discrimination. All are welcome to join the party and very, very few leave it once they're part of the action.” - Venku Skirata

“I don't buy the Jedi mindset in regards to death. I mean, what the hell does *becoming one* with the Force mean? I prefer the simpler Mando outlook: when we die, we just get dropped into another shithole as bad as this one. Call it a form of reincarnation.” - Jazeed Misano, Mandalorian “philosopher” fascinated with Jedi

“And Death appeared before him in armor of blackest night and said, *It is time*. ...and the warrior smiled and said, *What took you so long, vod?*” - From ancient Mandalorian mythological text. Partial translation.

“Life is a gift that everyone cherishes, but eventually has to return.” - Mandalorian proverb

SUBJECT: Leadership

“A respected leader will die by his soldier's sides. A feared leader dies by their hands.” -
Mandalorian proverb

“A leader of Mandalorians is a curious person. He takes command with reluctance, rules with no power, and dies the most beloved soldier of all his companions. Now who in the hell would want that position?” - Fenn Shysa, two days before his death

“The Empire and the Rebellion both have flawed ideas of government. The difference is that the Empire has the coin.” - Boba Fett

“There is no greater honor than for a soldier to die in service to his *Mand'alor*. But there is no greater honor for a *Mand'alor* than to die for his people.” - Mandalorian proverb

SUBJECT: Women

“There is nothing a Mandalorian man fears more than a Mandalorian woman.” - old proverb, not Mandalorian in origin

“You piss off our men, you'll end up with a lot of dead soldiers and maybe a few damaged buildings. But you piss off our women and...well, you'll be feeling the side effects for years to come.” - Mandalore the Destined

“Mandalorian women are frightening. They're smart, angry, and can shoot better than most men. Mandalorian men are a force to be reckoned with. But Mandalorian women? They're a kriffing force of *nature*.” – Zakc Paxus, noted Mandalorian author

“Mandos don't get all mushy about love. No poetry, no creepy obsessions; either you love someone, or you don't. If you do, you marry 'em and fight alongside them for the rest of your life. If not, you just fight alongside them.” - Mandalore the Fair (first female Mandalore, named for her honorable ruling rather than her appearance)

“A Mandalorian woman's greatest talent is not her charm or beauty, but her strength of body and will.” - Mandalorian proverb

SUBJECT: Personal Struggle

“We all fight our own battles, both internal and external. In that regard we are all warriors, regardless of creed.” – Tamai Vasser

“Make no mistake: life is a war. So do not judge those who fall beside you before the conflict is done. Instead, bear them forth honorably and treat them as the fallen warriors that they are” – Mandalorian drill instructor to his men.

“The loss of a brother is painful, make no mistake. But somewhere down the line you'll be sitting in a cantina, a mug of ale in one hand and a blaster in the other. And you'll tip your cup to the sky in honor of your fallen friend and know that somewhere high above, he's tipping his own down to you.” – Mand'alor Fenn Shysa, after the death of his second-in-command and best friend, Tobbi Dala.

“Everyone has a struggle in life. The key is turning that struggle into your weapon.” – Boba Fett

"Not all battle scars are on one's body." -- Mandalorian Proverb

SUBJECT: Death Watch

“We are the culmination of everything Mandalorians once stood for and everything they now fear: success, domination, *power*. We, the *Kyr'tsad*, know what's best for our people, even though they don't know it themselves.” – Tor Vizsla, in his first speech as the Death Watch *alorto* Mandalore's people

“As much as I may hate to admit it, the Death Watch is as much a part of our culture as we *Mando'ade* ourselves. We're flip sides of the same coin, twin aspects of the same existence. That's why we can't get rid of them: no matter how many times we beat them back or they beat us away, we'll always be fighting each other. Honestly, I'm just surprised it took them this long to get organized.” – Lilith Allia, *Cuy'val Dar*, in a discussion with Mij Gilamar.

“Death Watch... we're not as bad as you might think. Sure, Tor is a prick, but most of us only want what's best for Mandalore. Is that so bad?” – Darian Vahares, bounty huntress and hired gun for Tor Vizsla

SUBJECT: Misc

“Keep your wits sharp, and your blade sharper. ▪ - Mandalore the Destroyer

“Don't ever turn your back to the enemy. 'Cause that's where your jetpack is, and you don't want to take a blaster bolt to that.” - Janada Bralor

“When you find yourself surrounded by those who don't know or care who you are, comfort yourself knowing that you are part of something far greater and more powerful than they will ever have the privilege of knowing.” - Mandalore the Ultimate

“This armor is not a toy. This way of life is no joke. Being Mandalorian is the deepest of commitments, the greatest of sacrifices. It will break you, make no mistake. But you will be better for it. You will emerge stronger than you ever were in your previous life, so long as you remain true to your brothers, true to your *Mand'ador*, and true to yourself.” -Mandalorian drill sergeant to *aruettii* troops before they swear loyalty to the Mandalorian way of life.

“*Buy'ce olar, kar'ta ogir*. Helmet on, heart gone.” - (rough translation) Mandalorian proverb, spoken before battle similar to use of *Oya*.

“The worst fate for a Mandalorian is not damnation or eternal pain. It is to merely be forgotten. To be lost among the countless masses of dead passing to the next world with every hour that ticks by. To be forever separated from the actions of this world, until all memory of your life and deeds are gone and long past being remembered. To have not a single tear shed in memory of your passing. That is the true nature of *dar'manda*.” - Walon Vau, teaching Mandalorian culture to new ARC trooper trainees

Mandalorian Proverb: "True wisdom lies in discovering ways to encourage participation, without the need to scorn those who do not participate."

Mandalorian Proverb: "Victory is the peak of a mountain built on failures."

Mandalorian Proverb: "Nearly all can stand adversity, but If you wish to test one's true character, give them power."

Mandalorian Proverb: "A leader who inspires hope in the people, shall never know defeat."

Mandalorian Proverb: "It is not the armor which makes the warrior, it is the warrior whom makes the armor."

Mandalorian Proverb: "One who sees in only black and white will be blind to opportunities within the gray."

Mandalorian Proverb: "An honorable fight resides only in the protection of virtuous ideals and principles."

Mandalorian Proverb: "The people of a free society should not be made to kneel to their leader; it is the leader who should be compelled, by principle, to kneel to the people."

Mandalorian Proverb: "Those who wait for inspiration to arrive shall spend their lives watching the clock."

Mandalorian Proverb: "The victory achieved shall never eclipse the sacrifices made to achieve it."

Mandalorian Proverb: "The anticipation of achievement should never outweigh the ability to make good decisions."